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II. Cuba's invitation of ten Honduran students and pro-Castro congressmen to "underdeveloped nations" conference indicates Cuba now resigned to accept unofficial delegations from all or most LA countries.

A. Conference thus will be far cry from the meeting of official delegations headed by prominent personages which was originally envisaged by Castro.

B. But carefully selected unofficial delegations will assure Castro's control.

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IV. Communists stepping up efforts to win complete control Cuba's powerful labor confederation.

A. Labor minister Martinez Sanchez, close associate of Raul Castro, is putting government's weight on side of Communists in bitter sub-surface maneuvering in labor confederation.

V. President Eisenhower's letter to Chilean students received wide notice in Cuba.

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- A. Government line is that reference to Cuba in letter is "pretext for launching a direct attack on revolutionary government"; that President is "as almost always, badly informed"; that letter is proof of falseness of the claim that US does not intervene in affairs of LA countries; that President never demonstrated concern over democratic processes in Cuba during Batista dictatorship.
- B. However, reaction to President's letter favorable among many Cubans disillusioned with Castro.

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